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The Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit the text of the statement by the Government of Belize on the situation in the Gulf.

The Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations would be grateful if the attached statement could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Statement dated 19 January 1991 by the Government of Belize

The Government of Belize laments the outbreak of hostilities in the Persian Gulf. Belize took the position throughout the crisis that a peaceful, diplomatic and political solution was the most desirable course of action.

We regard the decision taken by the coalition forces whose publicly stated goal is the liberation of Kuwait and not the destruction, occupation or dismemberment of Iraq, to be consistent and in compliance with the United Nations Security Council resolution 678.

It is our hope that the action taken can be concluded in the shortest possible time to avoid the loss of life, especially of innocent civilians.

Belize, a small nation itself, can never condone aggression and must at all times support the rule of international law, with particular regard for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all States.

We are deeply concerned for the safety of all Belizeans and their relatives who may be in combat or residing in the area of conflict.

It remains our firm commitment to work within the United Nations system for a comprehensive peace settlement in order to secure to all peoples of the Middle East without exception, a future of peace, freedom and justice.